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- 1. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO MADE DEMARCH TO FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL BOERMA PER REFTEL IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OPENING OF FAO COUNCIL NOVEMBER 27 PLENARY DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-UP TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.
- 2. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SAID UNITED STATES PLANS TO ATTEND NOVEMBER 29 CONSULTATION, BUT WOULD NOT WISH TO DO SO IF THE RESULT WOULD BE CRITICISM OF UNITED STATES BECAUSE IT CANNOT MEET EXAGGERATED EXPECTATIONS AS TO WHAT IT CAN REASONABLY DO. BOERMA SAID HE MERELY WISHES TO ANNOUNCE AND TAKE TO INDIA AS DEFINITE AND FORTHCOMING RESULTS AS POSSIBLE. THERE WAS NO IMPLICATION OF ANY THREAT IN THESE REMARKS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. BOERMA AGREES FULLY THAT PROBLEM IS MORE ONE OF FINANCING THAN OF AVAILABILITIES. HE SAID HE DOES NOT INTEND TO PRESS UNITED STATES ON FINANCING, BUT WILL LOOK TO HELP OF PRABISCH AND OTHERS. HE URGES UNITED STATES DO ALL IT CAN WITH RESPECT TO AVAILABILITES.

4. WE ARE CONVEYING SAME VIEWS TO AZIZ (WHOM BOERMA SAID NOVEMBER 26 HE IS NAMING AS SENIOR FAO SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL FOR WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, IN ADDITION TO HIS FAO POSITION). AZIZ AND BOERMA'S PERSONAL RAPPORT PROBABLY REMAINS STRAINED AS A RESULT OF DIFFERENT VIEWS ON THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, BUT AZIZ IS KEY MAN IN NOVEMBER 29 CONSULTATION AND CAN HELP TO KEEP TALKS ON EVEN KEEL. VOLPE

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